

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2011  
MEADOWEDGE COUNTRY CLUB  
WEST SAYVILLE, NEW YORK**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Miles Borden	Vice Chairman, Town of Smithtown
Gil Cardillo	Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Gregory Dawson	Chairman, Town of Islip
Amy Engel	Member of the Board
Richard Hollborn	Trustee, Town of Babylon
Dawn Hopkins	Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

**ABSENT**

Bill Shilling	Member of the Board
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**PARKS DEPARTMENT**

Joseph Montuori	Commissioner
Tony Trotta	Superintendent
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Tom Malanga	Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator
Terry Maccarrone	Coordinator of Community Based Programs
Ann Rothenberg	Assistant to the Commissioner

**GUESTS**

Lauretta Fischer	Principal Environmental Analyst, Planning Dept.
Janet Longo	Acquisitions Supervisor, Division of Real Property, Acquisitions and Management
Tom Young	County Attorney's Office
Tom Jones	Suffolk Committee for Camping

**PUBLIC PORTION**

There was one member of the public present. He did not wish to speak.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Sickles. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

**PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE**

Lauretta Fischer proposed one acquisition. A colored site map was distributed describing the property.

### Dwarf Pine Plains – Pine Barrens Core Area – Bergmann Property

The acquisition of 1.47 acres in the Hamlet of Westhampton, Town of Southampton. This will be acquired under the Old Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program C12-5(E)(1)(b).

**A motion to approve this acquisition was made by Trustee Sickles and seconded by Trustee White. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 9-0-0.**

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Montuori reported on the following:

- A letter was sent out to the Bradstock organization informing them that there will not be a Bradstock event due to a letter Parks received from the Long Island Maritime Museum.
- The Long Island Maritime Museum is voting on a new interim Director tonight. Natasha has resigned effective February 4, 2011.
- We are waiting to see if we will get any money from FEMA as a result of the blizzard. There was erosion at Cedar Point and Meschutt. It looks like we will not be getting any assistance. Trustee Sickles said he is concerned about Meschutt Beach. The erosion is as bad as it was in 1985 with hurricane Gloria. What is Parks going to do about the erosion? Terry Maccarrone responded that DPW is in the process of signing a new contract for a supplier for sand. Once it is signed, we will purchase \$10,000 worth of sand (from CP 7163) for emergency protective measures at Meschutt Beach. In addition, the County is being partially reimbursed (87.5%) for the \$21,425.52 it spent on emergency beach sand placed following the March 2010 storm. When that money is reimbursed, we will be able to purchase more sand for Meschutt. Also, FEMA is considering two disaster projects to repair the damage that resulted from the November 2009 and March 2010 storms at Meschutt. Although not yet approved, these projects could award the County several hundred thousand dollars to nourish the beach.
- The new reservation system is going well. We are keeping the public informed.
- The Duck Lighting Ceremony last month went well.
- Tom Malanga reported on the Parks Foundation proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget was distributed to the Trustees for their feedback.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dawson asked about the status of the dog park on Cherry Avenue in Sayville. Nick Gibbons responded he scheduled a meeting with the County contractor and the purchase requisition has been approved. The clearing is done and we're waiting for the contractor to come in.

### ROUND TABLE

Trustee Cardillo asked about the status of the property he walked last year with Commissioner Pavacic that was going to be given to the Town of Riverhead for the YMCA. Lauretta Fischer responded it's on hold. Our Law Department is working putting together an agreement with them, but it hasn't moved forward.

Trustee Cardillo asked about the 20 acres in Riverside (Town of Southampton) where they were going to build a hotel. Lauretta Fischer responded it's in negotiations at this point.

Trustee Engel reported Legislator Romaine introduced legislation, I.R. 2240-2010, “to improve the condition of county rental properties”. This would allow monies from rental properties to go into a dedicated fund separate from the fund we already have set up. This legislation would take effect the minute it passes in the Legislature and would result in a hit to the Parks budget for this year. Trustee Engel asked the Suffolk County Budget Department to look at this and they came up with a range of between \$450,000 to \$750,000 that would come out of the Parks budget that is already budgeted. It would be a huge hit for the Parks Department this year. There are only two (2) vacancies and our position is if they were in disrepair, they wouldn’t be rented. The County Executive is opposed to this legislation. We think it is detrimental and would be a huge hit to the Parks Department. They would have to cut spending and would have to make it up within their budget this year. The amount could be upwards of \$750,000. We would be open to compromise, but the Legislator is not in discussion with the County Executive’s office so I bring it to you so you can weigh in.

**A motion to draft a Trustees Resolution requesting that I.R. 2240-2010 be tabled until the Trustees have the opportunity to meet with the sponsor of this legislation to seek clarification of its scope and purpose was made by Trustee McKay and seconded by Trustee White. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.**

Trustee Engel reported the County is still reviewing the appraisal for the Lindley House in Montauk.

Trustee White recommended that, as a courtesy, the Lindley family rent the house this year as a step down for them. Mrs. Lindley, the grandmother of the people who go there now, was one of the biggest movers and shakers for Montauk County Park and its creation. It was going to be a sub-division for about 1,000 homes. She and her friends lobbied very effectively to have the County take over the entire park. As a consequence, her house was in the middle of the park.

Trustee Sickles said the house has real potential for seasonal housing use for the Parks Department.

Terry Maccarrone reported on the following:

- We finished up our Proposed Capital Budget. It’s going over to the Department of Public Works for approval and will then be submitted to the County Executive’s office.
- Still working on FEMA issues, mostly at Smith Point.
- The work at Fuchs Pond is finished.
- A contractor allegedly has been signed for the electrical upgrades at Smith Point campsites.
- The Fishing Pier is done. We will have a dedication ceremony in the warmer weather.

Trustee Sickles expressed his concern about the lack of staffing at the east end parks. He asked the Commissioner how many SCINS he has received. The Commissioner responded that he is working on it.

Trustee McKay reported he saw photos of Fuchs Pond. The work looks like it was very well done and the Town of Huntington is very grateful to the County.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17th, 2011 at Meadowedge in West Sayville.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee Cardillo. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0-0.**